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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN LOS POLICIES AND THE PROSPECT OF USG/GOB
DISCUSSIONS

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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF MET WITH AMBASSADOR FELIPE TREDINNICK, LOS
EXPERT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON FEBRUARY 5 TO DISCUSS GOB PRE-
PARATIONS AND POLICIES FOR UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK.
TREDINNICK ACCENTUATED RECENT VISIT OF SOVIET LOS EXPERTS TO LA
PAZ NOTING THAT AFTER EXTENSIVE FOUR DAY TALKS THE BOLIVIANS
EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET POSITION ON FREE
TRANSIT OF INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AND THE SOVIETS ESPOUSED THE
BOLIVIAN PLAN FOR REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF 200
MILE ECONOMIC ZONES. TREDINNICK EXPRESSED GREAT INTERES IN BEING
INVITED TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS ON HIS WAY TO
NEW YORK AT THE END OF FEBRUARY SO AS TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
PRIOR TO THE CNFERENCE TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE SINGLE TEXTS
WITH STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS AND POLICY MAKERS.

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END SUMMARY.

2. TRENNICK STATED THAT THE BOLIVIAN AIM REMAINS TO WORK WITHIN AND INFLUENCE THE GROUP OF 49 TO ADOPT A POLICY OF REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL CONTROL FOR EXPLOITATIONS OF 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONES, REJECTING KFY CONCEPT OF EXCLUSIVE CONTROL BY COASTAL STATES. IN ELABORATING ON THIS THEME, HE SUGGESTED THAT, IN SOUTH AMERICA A PACIFIC SUB-REGIONAL ECONOMIC ZONE MIGHT BE COMPRISED OF OFF-SHORE WATERS FROM THE EQUATOR TO THE POINT WHERE ATLANTIC AND PACIF WATERS MEET THOSE OF THE ANTARTIC, AND AN ATLANTIC SUB-REGION MIGHT START AT THE EQUATOR AND CONTINUE TO THE MEETING OF THE THREE OCEANS IN THE SOUTH. BOLIVIA, HE INSISTED, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN BOTH REGIONS OWING TO ITS HISTORICAL CONNECTION WITH THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND ITS IMPORTANT RIVER SYSTEM EMPTYING INTO THE ATLANTIC. THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION BY BOLIVIA OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER A NARROW BAND OF PACIFIC OCEAN WATERS WOULD NOT, HE SAID, INFLUENCE HIS COUNTRY'S POLICY ON MULTILATERAL CONTROL OF ECONOMIC ZONES.

3. TREDINNICK TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE SOVIET EXPERTS CAME TO LA PAZ WELL EQUIPPED TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF LAW OF THE SEA POLICY. BOLIVIAN SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL STRAITS, HE SAID, WAS MATCHED BY SOVIET SUPPORT FOR MULTILATERAL ADMINISTRATION (WHICH WOULD INCLUDE LANDLOCKED AND/OR GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTRIES) OF REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL ECONOMIC ZONES. HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD EMPHASIZED THAT SIX SOCIALIST STATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 49 AND THAT THE UKRAINE HAS PLANS OF JOINING.

4. TREDINNICK BELIEVES THAT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH USG/LOS EXPERTS PRIOR TO THE PRE-CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 1 WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS. IF A US GROUP OF EXPERTS CANNOT VISIT BOLIVIA IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS MIGHT BE ARRANGED FOR HIM PREFERABLY IN WASHINGTON, BUT POSSIBLY IN NEW YORK. SINCE HE AND A SUBORDINATE PLAN TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 28, THEY COULD ARRANGE TO DEPART BOLIVIA TWO OR THREE DAYS EARLY AND VISIT WASHINGTON ENROUTE.

5. TREDINNICK WAS CANDID ABOUT FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LACK OF FUNDS
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FOR PER DIEM FOR EARLY TRAVEL. EMBASSY REQUESTES THAT DEPARTMENT THROUGH CU ISSUE INVITATION AND PROVIDE VIP PER DIEM TO PERMIT THESE MEETINGS, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. EMBASSY IS CONVINCED THAT OUR LOS EXPERTS WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO MEET WITH DR TREDINNICK PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE OPENING SINCE HIS IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON LOS MATTERS AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 49.

6. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY OF DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ASAP.
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